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72 Victoria Street.
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Dear President Falconer:

I want to ask you something very revolutionary — as I am living in a revolutionary athmosphere you will not be surprised at that — in the way of cooperation.

I was for nine months in a British Military Hospital when last May Thos Board of Agriculture

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Yours sincerely,

President.

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commandeered me for
Food Conservation lectures.
At the close of the season,
I was transferred by the
Govt. again, still in the Dept.
of Agriculture, to the work
of Organizer of Women's
Institutes, of which the Govt
have recently become
enamoured, for the
North of England.

Once in Belleville you
sent me a prospectus
for work in the Social
Service Dept of the University
asking for suggestions for
this course. Has that Dept.

done much research work along those lines - i. e. a scientific study of the various aspects of home-making in its relation to national life? If so, do you think the head of the dept would be good enough to send me an outline of the work done or proposed to do, as a sort of University Extension course?

This is part of the National Reconstruction lines England is laying up for future development and I

feel the responsibility
of the trust reposed in me
deeply and should like
to avail myself of the best
thought and work of our own
University. Also it is a great
sociological opportunity
which will be of immense
value when I return to
Canada — an opportunity
to serve in the crisis there
and also to be a better
citizen when I return.

We are facing a most
severe and critical

over

winter here when both hand and brain work are necessary.

If you can put me in touch with anything fundamentally helpful and practical it will be most helpful to me all, and deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly
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Miss E. J. Guest,

Care the Canadian High Commissioner,

19 Victoria Street, London, England.

Dear Miss Guest:

I am glad to hear from you and to know that you have been doing such successful work, and that your services have been appreciated by the authorities. Also, that your experience in Ontario has been put to good use in connection with your organising Women's Institutes in the North of England.

I am afraid that we have nothing in our Social Service Department that would afford you any help in this particular line. The Social Service Department has heretofore confined its work to various aspects of city life particularly, and I should think that the relation of home making to national life would have been dealt with more fully at the Macdonald Institute at Guelph. I am sending you, however, the latest information we have from the Department of Household Science. It is just possible that in it you may get some suggestions that will be of service to you. I have a general impression that the severity of the crisis is so great that the people are being forced to consider matters there much more earnestly than we have yet done here. Wishing you success in your work,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.